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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

AXEL PREUSSE  
MARKUS NOPPER  
HOLGER SCHÜHRER

Serial No.: 10/747,722

Filed: December 29, 2003

For: METHOD OF REDUCING WAFER  
CONTAMINATION BY REMOVING  
UNDER-METAL LAYERS AT THE  
WAFER EDGE

Group Art Unit: 2815

Examiner: Edward J. Wojciechowicz

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2000.109700/DE0351

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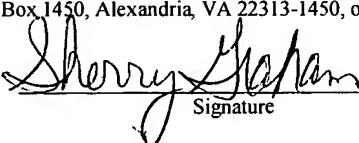
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-identified application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered).

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement  
(IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declarations

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-0365/DE0351<sup>1</sup>

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

Respectfully submitted,

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